

South Dakota Interagency Coalition on Aging

The South Dakota Interagency Coalition on Aging is comprised of representatives of state, federal and nonprofit agencies in South Dakota. The coalition discusses what is happening in respective program areas and provides an avenue for communication and coordination to better serve South Dakota's elderly population and their caregivers. The coalition meets three times a year and provides agencies a unique opportunity to coordinate with programs they would otherwise not work with through normal activities. Members include:

AARP

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SD State President
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Corporation for National and Community Service

Getting things done in South Dakota. More than 6,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to solve problems and strengthen communities through 26 national service projects across South Dakota. Serving through local nonprofits, schools, religious organizations and other groups, these citizens tutor and mentor children, coordinate after-school programs, build homes, organize neighborhood watch groups, recruit volunteers, and accomplish other things to improve communities.

AmeriCorps: AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps, will provide individuals the opportunity to spend a year serving in South Dakota communities. In return, AmeriCorps members receive an education award of up to \$4,725 to help pay for college or pay back student loans. AmeriCorps members serve in AmeriCorps*VISTA, AmeriCorps*STATE, and AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps).

National Senior Service Corps: More than 4,400 seniors in South Dakota contribute their time and talents in one of three programs; Foster Grandparents, who serve one-on-one with more than 1,700 young people who have special needs; Senior Companions, who help more than 700 other seniors live independently in their homes; and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers, who work with more than 800 local groups to meet a wide range of community needs.

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Cooperative Extension Service

The goal of the Cooperative Extension Service is to serve the people of South Dakota through an educational process that helps them improve their lives by applying unbiased, scientific knowledge focused on issues and needs is the mission of the Cooperative Extension Service. The land-grant mandate that empowers Extension to offer educational information, programs, and services in response to grassroots needs is made possible by the continuing partnership of county, state and federal governments.

Extension educators in every South Dakota county are your local source for unbiased, research-based knowledge. They'll help you find answers to your questions and suggest how best to apply that information to your situation. Extension educators and specialists focus their efforts in the areas of emphasis and respond to the needs identified by South Dakota citizens.

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DakotaLink

DakotaLink is an assistive technology project funded by a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), U.S. Department of Education. The grant is administered by the SD Department of Human Services, through the Division of Rehabilitation Services, under a contract with the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative.

The DakotaLink project is directed toward systems change and advocacy which will result in a comprehensive, consumer responsive system of technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities of all ages. DakotaLink seeks to identify and design strategies that eliminate or overcome barriers to individuals with disabilities accessing assistive technology in a timely manner. Consumers, parents, guardians and professionals are sought to be partners in the barrier reduction process.

DakotaLink also works closely with state agencies and disability organizations to overcome barriers and provide training for consumers and professionals. Demo centers, training activities and a mobile trailer bring assistive technology information, training and hands-on opportunities to the most remote areas of the state. This same method brings services to the Native American population on nine reservations throughout South Dakota.

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Department of Health

Office of Health Promotion

Coordinates a variety of programs designed to promote health and prevent disease.

All Women Count! (Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program) -- covers the costs of mammograms and Pap tests for eligible women; coordinates statewide activities to promote early detection of breast and cervical cancer; promotes awareness of early detection and treatment.

Diabetes Control Program -- ensures that people with diabetes are diagnosed and entered into the health care system; provides educational materials; promotes screening for gestational diabetes; provides blood glucose monitors to pregnant women with diabetes.

Office of Health Promotion

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Health Facilities Licensure and Certification

Under contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration), this office assures:

Facilities comply with construction and fire and life safety standards. Engineers and environmental sanitarians review blue prints and drawings for new construction and renovation projects and make on-site visits during and after construction to ensure compliance. The department must approve use of space within a licensed or certified health care facility before it can be occupied and utilized.

Facilities comply with regulations for level of service provided and overall operations for licensure and Medicare and Medicaid certification. Department surveyors (which include nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, laboratorians, X-ray technicians, and environmental sanitarians) review policies and procedures, staffing patterns and employee qualifications, orientation and in-service education, and standards of practice. They also review patient and personnel records, observe actual practice, and interview patients and staff.

South Dakota Department of Health

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Department of Human Services

Division of Developmental Disabilities

The Division of Developmental Disabilities Division has eleven full-time division staff who are based in Pierre including a registered nurse and specialists in the field of developmental disabilities. To reach the Division of Developmental Disabilities, write or call:

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Hillsvie Plaza, E. Hwy 34, % 500 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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Internet: <http://www.state.sd.us/dhs/dd>

Division of Rehabilitation Services

The mission of the Division of Rehabilitation Services is to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain employment, economic self-sufficiency, personal independence and full inclusion into society. Services include: Independent Living Services; Personal Attendant Services, Rehabilitation Services, Supported Employment Services, and Assistive Technology.

Division of Rehabilitation Services

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Division of Mental Health

The Division of Mental Health is responsible for the administration of a comprehensive, community-based mental health delivery system. Central to South Dakota's community-based mental health delivery network is eleven private, non-profit, community mental health centers. Each are designated catchment areas to insure services are provided to all of the state's 66 counties.

The principle responsibilities of the Division of Mental Health are to establish policy, to develop and administer the implementation of the Community Mental Health Services block grant, to determine and establish reasonable standards and requirements for the locally operated community mental health centers, and to enter into purchase of service agreements for the purpose of assisting in the operation and programs of the local mental health centers.

Division of Mental Health

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Division of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired

Division of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI) is an office in the Department of Human Services. SBVI employs professionally trained rehabilitation specialists who work with eligible individuals via jointly developed individualized service programs. Services are

provided that result in employment outcomes and independent living outcomes. Through counseling and teaching, people overcome limitations caused by the visual disability and work in jobs and live in their own homes. Services may include training in the specialized skills of blindness to include cane travel, communications, Braille, daily living skills, home management and computer skills.

Services include: assessment of rehabilitation potential; guidance, counseling and referral; physical and mental restoration services; vocational and other training services; maintenance; services to family members; tactile interpreting for deaf-blind individuals; reader services, rehabilitation teaching, orientation and mobility, communications, recreation and leisure activities, and peer counseling; telecommunications, sensory and technological aids and devices; placement in suitable employment; post-employment services; rehabilitation technology services and devices.

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Department of Labor

South Dakota's Career Learning Centers work closely with Job Service and the Department of Labor to provide education and training services that meet the needs of local employers.

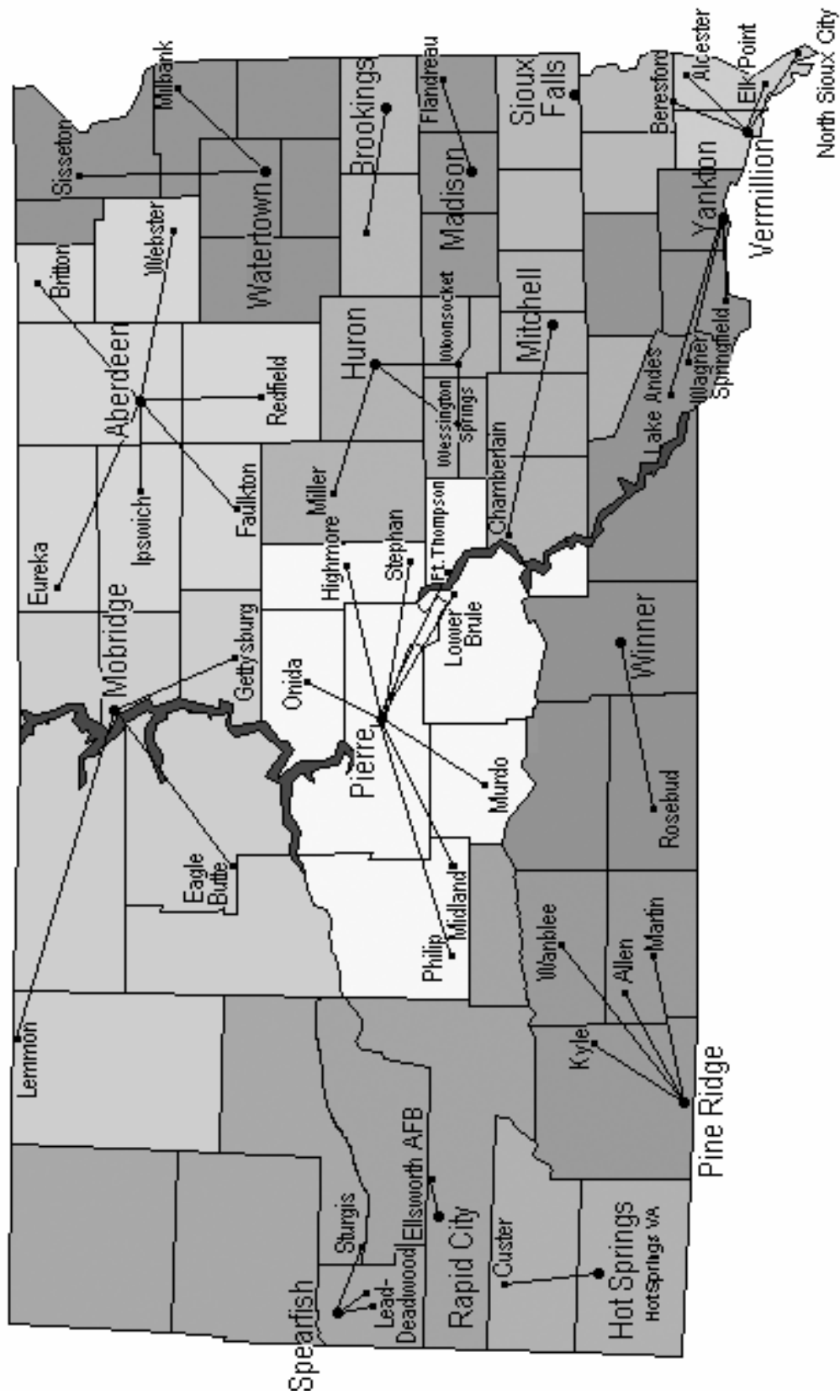
The centers enroll students from a wide range of backgrounds including those who are economically disadvantaged, welfare recipients, high school dropouts, dislocated workers and older workers. The curriculum in a career learning center is individualized, self-paced and open entry/exit. Career specialists determine the individual client's interests, aptitudes, abilities and motivation. Then an employability plan is prepared to address that student's education and job training needs. Students not only learn how to look for a job, they also learn job retention skills so they know what employers expect.

Career center staff also offer advice to clients on such topics as budgeting, alcohol and drug abuse, personal hygiene and self-esteem. Participants who complete career center programs are ready to enter the workforce as highly motivated and productive employees.

In addition to courses supported through the Job Training Partnership Act, most CLCs also offer services for which they charge. These may include writing resumes, offering computer training courses, providing customer training services, or providing some type of training for businesses.

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South Dakota Career Centers Main Offices and Itinerant Communities



Department of Social Services

Community Assistance

Community Action Agencies provide services to low-income South Dakotans who are within 125 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Services vary by agency and may include weatherization, gardening, emergency services, etc. Four Community Action Agencies are located throughout the state: Rapid City, Sisseton, Madison and Lake Andes.

Department of Social Services
Community Assistance Program
206 W. Missouri, Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 773-4414
Internet: <http://www.state.sd.us/social/CommunityAssistance>

Energy Assistance

Energy Assistance helps low-income South Dakotans pay for home heating costs and home improvements that help conserve energy. The program has two parts: Low Income Energy Assistance and Weatherization Assistance.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program helps pay a family's heating costs by making payments directly to the energy supplier. It can also pay for emergency heating system repairs. The program is designed to supplement payments made by families who would otherwise be unable to pay the full cost of their home heating.

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income people pay for home insulation and other energy-saving improvements that will lower their heating bills. Local community agencies hire their own crews or contract with small businesses to perform the work and purchase materials from local vendors and manufacturers.

Department of Social Services
Energy Assistance Program
206 W. Missouri, Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: (800) 233-8503
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Internet: <http://www.state.sd.us/social/energy>

Food Stamps

The Food Stamp Program helps low-income South Dakotans buy the food they need to stay healthy while they work to regain financial independence. Food stamp benefits are provided to supplement the recipient's food budget. The amount of benefits a household receives is based on its size and income.

Department of Social Services
Food Stamps Program
700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: (605) 773-3493
E-mail: FoodStamps@state.sd.us
Internet: <http://www.state.sd.us/social/FoodStamps>

Sales Tax on Food Refund Program

The South Dakota Sales Tax on Food Refund Program helps low-income South Dakotans stretch their food dollars. The program provides refunds of sales tax payments on food to South Dakota residents who need the refunds most. A national food plan is used to determine the monthly cost of food a family needs to purchase for a healthy, nutritious diet. Amounts vary based on household size.

Department of Social Services
Sales Tax on Food Refund Program
700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 1-866-674-0543 or (605) 773-4105
Email: SalesTaxOnFoodRefund@state.sd.us
Internet: <http://www.state.sd.us/social/SalesTaxOnFoodRefund>

Department of Transportation

Office of Public Transit

Rural Public Transit: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Program authorizes capital, administrative, operating assistance and training grants to state agencies, local governments, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations providing rural public transportation services. All projects must benefit residents in non-urbanized areas (under 50,000 population) of South Dakota. Section 5311 provides up to 80 percent federal share of the costs for administrative expenses, up to 80 percent for capital costs and up to 50 percent of the net operating deficit for rural transit operations.

Coordinated community transit systems serving both the rural public and human service agencies are preferred applicants for Section 5311 grants.



Eligible Subgrantees

- State Agencies
- Local Governments
- Indian Tribes
- Operators of Public Transportation Services
- Private Nonprofit Corporations

Specialized Transportation: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Program authorizes capital grants to private nonprofit organizations to assist in providing transportation for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities. Provides up to 80 percent of all costs for equipment, with the 20 percent match coming from other than federal funds.

Coordinated community transit systems can obtain these vehicles to serve a wide range of agencies serving elderly and/or disabled clients.

Eligible Subgrantees

- Nonprofit corporations serving elderly and persons with disabilities.
- Public bodies approved by SDDOT to coordinate transportation services for elderly and persons with disabilities.
- Public bodies which certify to the Governor that no nonprofit organizations are readily available to provide transportation services for elderly and persons with disabilities.

SD Department of Transportation
700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501
Internet: <http://www.state.sd.us/dot/fpa/transit/>

Easter Seals

Easter Seals provides services to help children and adults with disabilities and/or special needs as well as support to their families. Easter Seals is committed to caring for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities and special needs resulting from any cause, whether diagnosed at birth or incurred through disease, accidental injury or aging.

Easter Seals Recycle For Life Program

To address the problems of unused or underutilized durable medical equipment and people without funding for these items, Easter Seals, with the assistance of many partners and volunteers statewide, has developed the Easter Seals Recycle For Life program. The program searches the state for good, quality medical equipment and assistive technology, refurbishes it and redistributes it to South Dakotans with disabilities.

Caregivers' Conference

Each spring a caregivers' conference is held to educate personal and professional caregivers, care receivers, and other interested parties about resources available for people with disabilities. This two-day conference addresses special needs of people with disabilities, resources, provides information, and assists in building a network of support for the caregivers. Scholarships are available on a limited basis. Nationally-known speakers are recruited to provide state-of-the-art information. Respite care is available for the person receiving care when needed. To register or to receive more information about this conference, please contact Easter Seals.

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Experience Works, Inc.

Senior Community Service Employment Program participants must be 55 years of age or older and meet federal income guidelines. Participants are assigned to local nonprofit or public agencies -- host agencies -- for an average of 20 hours per week and paid at the prevailing minimum wage.

While receiving training or updating their existing skills, participants provide valuable services to their local communities. You might find an Experience Works worker reading to children at the library, running the local blood bank, assisting teachers and students in elementary schools, operating recycling centers, staffing emergency hotlines, cooking meals at senior centers, clerking at Veterans Affairs offices and giving tours in local museums. They tutor students, teach skilled trades and crafts, provide home health and day care, prepare and deliver meals for homebound people, care for the disabled, operate computers, and work as clerks, mechanics, and manual laborers, and yes, still build parks and work on beautification projects.

Experience Works participants find fulfillment from community service assignments by helping others and contributing to their communities. They often enjoy improved attitudes and health, and as a result, maintain their independence and dignity.

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South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care

SDFMC is the physician Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) authorized by Medicare to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries receive the highest quality health care. Communication with Medicare beneficiaries is an important part of the Foundation's work. This is accomplished in part through beneficiary outreach activities. This agency conducts educational programs and distributes printed material throughout the state concerning: informing consumers of their Medicare rights and responsibilities, explaining the Foundation's role of assuring quality health care, and promoting preventative health care services. For more information call: 1-800-medicare.



SD Foundation for Medical Care
1323 S. Minnesota Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Phone: (605) 336-3505
Internet: <http://www.medicare.gov>

South Dakota Housing Development Authority

The South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) was created by the State Legislature in 1973 with a stated mission to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing to South Dakotans. The sale of tax exempt bonds by SDHDA provides financing for single family homes and multifamily developments. Although SDHDA is most widely known for its homeownership assistance to First-time Homebuyers, it also finances down payment and closing costs, home repairs, rental housing development, and more. SDHDA also provides technical assistance to private housing sponsors and participates in public and private partnerships to coordinate federal, state, regional, and local housing efforts. SDHDA is a self-supporting, nonprofit entity which uses no state tax dollars.

SDHDA

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Internet: <http://www.sdhda.org/>

Services to Aging Residents (STAR Program)

This program provides supportive services to residents of SDHDA financed housing developments targeted to the elderly. Services provided include housekeeping, transportation, meals, service coordination, and other services.

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South Dakota USDA Rural Development State Office

The overall mission of USDA Rural Development is to improve the quality of life of rural South Dakotans. To accomplish this, the agency has the responsibility of coordinating specific federal assistance programs in rural areas of South Dakota. SD USDA works closely with profit and non-profit sectors, state, tribal and local governments.

USDA provides direct loans and grants to credit worthy residents who would otherwise be unable to obtain financing for a family home. Guaranteed loans are made by commercial lenders for single family housing. Direct and guaranteed loans are made to provide multi-family housing or apartments for low-income rural residents. The Community Facility Program provides loans, grants and loan guarantees to fund a variety of public improvements, such as centers for healthcare, day care, public safety, and other public facility projects.

The state office in Huron administers USDA Rural Development programs from nine area offices and one sub-office across the state. Each office is committed to serving those in search of information and assistance with Rural Development's programs and initiatives.

USDA Rural Development State Office
200 4th Street SW, Federal Building, Room 210, Huron, South Dakota 57350
Internet: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/sd/stateoff.htm>

State Library Braille and Talking Books

The mission of the State Library is to provide equal access to print materials in a format acceptable to all citizens of South Dakota who cannot read standard print. The inability to read standard print may be caused by a visual impairment that prevents seeing the print, a physical disability that prevents holding the materials and/or turning the pages, or a learning disability caused by an organic dysfunction. The alternative formats include large print, Braille, cassette recording or electronic files.

Playback equipment and accessories have been designed for easy operation by disabled readers. All playback equipment is loaned to you free of charge for as long as you are actively borrowing books. The State Library allows each reader one cassette player and/or one record player. In order to play talking book cassettes and records, you will need special playback equipment. This is because the talking book cassettes and records are not recorded the same way that commercial cassettes and records are recorded.

Individuals who cannot read or use conventional printed materials as a result of physical limitations, i.e. blind, visually limited, physically limited, and reading/learning disabled are by law eligible. This also includes persons in private homes, nursing homes, hospitals, schools and other institutions.

South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library
State Library Building
800 Governors Drive, Pierre SD 57501-2294
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Toll-free 1-800-423-6665
Email: talkbkreq@state.sd.us
Internet: <http://www.sdstatelibrary.com/talkbook>